

## "SYSTEM" FAVORS TAFT'S CANDIDACY

Senators Aldrich and Crane Will  
Support War Secretary for  
President.

### PRESIDENT FOR HIM, ALSO

Report Regarded as Narrowing  
Presidential Contest to Taft  
and Hughes.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
Munsey Building,  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—  
That Senator Aldrich will support the  
presidential candidacy of Secretary  
Taft is stated upon unimpeachable  
authority to-day. In the same connection  
it may be stated that there is  
apparently equally good authority for  
the statement that Senator Aldrich  
Crane, of Massachusetts, has given the  
Taft people assurance that he will support  
the candidacy of the Secretary of  
War for the nomination to succeed Mr.  
Roosevelt.

The significance of these two statements  
can scarcely be overestimated. Assuming  
that they are correct, of which there is  
little room for doubt, they are believed to  
mean the nomination of Mr. Taft for Governor  
Hughes. It is stated that Secretary Taft has  
assured Senator Aldrich that the latter's  
friends, composing what has come to be  
known as the "system," shall not be  
harmed during the latter's occupancy  
of the executive chair.

Without some such assurance it is  
regarded by many as ridiculous to suppose  
that either the Senator from  
Rhode Island or the Senator from Mas-  
sachusetts would support any man.

### Spells Told for Doomsday.

If the news told in the foregoing  
paragraphs be correct, and there is  
good reason to believe that it is, it  
means an early death to the  
Cannon and Knox and Foraker  
banks. The four candidates  
named have been the chief figures  
in the contest for the presidency  
as against Mr. Roosevelt and his  
policy. Mr. Roosevelt is supporting  
Secretary Taft, so that the Secretary  
of War would have the support of "the  
system" and of the administration  
at the same time. The hopes of  
the four candidates without such a  
combination behind him would die in  
a day.

But this does not apply to Governor  
Hughes, who is looked upon as  
standing for precisely the same  
policy President Roosevelt has so  
vociferously advocated. The President,  
however, does not admit as much.

Many stories have been circulated,  
however, to the effect that Governor  
Hughes is playing to the "other side," as  
evidenced by his veto of the 2-cent  
law, passed by the New York Legisla-  
ture. There is not the slightest doubt  
that the President is looking for  
almost any man secure the nomination  
to having it go to the Governor of New  
York.

But should it be found that "the  
system," as represented by Senator  
Aldrich and Senator Crane, is backing  
Secretary Taft, it means the  
alienation of a large section of the  
masses of the Republican voters, even  
though the administration were with  
"the system." It is just possible that  
the President is looking for a man  
of the party would break away from  
the leaders and nominate a man like  
Hughes or La Follette, either of whom  
has the entire confidence of the radical  
element of the Republican party.

### Knoekers Are After Taft.

Meanwhile, the Taft opposition, as  
represented by Messrs. Cannon, Knox,  
Foraker and others, is not so idle  
as might be thought. There are  
several stories being circulated more  
or less industriously, which are not to  
the credit of the Secretary of War.  
The Taft people are looking for a  
man who would break away from  
"the system," and while they do not  
charge anything affecting his personal  
character, they do attack his methods  
of administration.

For instance, it is alleged that while  
he was Governor-General of the Philip-  
pines Secretary Taft issued an order  
to the effect that any American school  
teacher who should refuse to accept  
describing conditions as they actually  
existed in the islands would be sum-  
marily dismissed. It is also charged  
that he actually ordered the deportation  
of one of more Americans who were  
free from the Philippines and who  
under American administration.

### Cortelyou as Taft Manager.

Nothing more is heard of the report  
that First Assistant Postmaster-  
General Hitchcock had been invited to  
assume control of the Taft team. But  
it is reported to-day, and the report  
is given credence in some quarters,  
that Secretary Cortelyou himself has  
been asked to take charge of Mr. Taft's  
candidacy. It is believed that the  
proposition has been accepted, and that  
Mr. Cortelyou will resign as Secretary  
of the Treasury in order to devote him-  
self entirely to compassing the nomi-  
nation of the Secretary of War.

Further detail of the report that  
Mr. Cortelyou, in return for the ser-  
vice rendered, is to be made Secretary  
of State.

### Flight Over a Post-Office.

Several Virginia post-offices of the  
fourth class are about to be raised to  
the third class, including Burkeville,  
Norton and Coburn.

There is a fight on over the postmas-  
tership at Norton. L. C. Wells, a well-  
known Republican, is trying to get  
the appointment, as against W. M.  
Adams, the incumbent, who does not  
want to let it go. The fight over the  
post-office at Berryville is about to be  
settled by the appointment of E. A.  
Lindsay, Republican county chairman  
of Clarke. When the postmaster died  
a few months ago a number of can-  
didates for the position announced  
themselves, but the referees selected  
Lindsay.

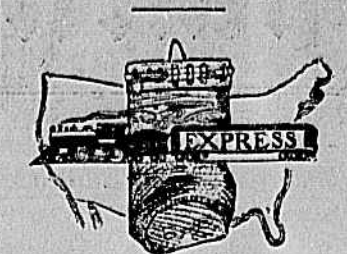
### Alarm, But No Fire.

A still alarm was turned in early last  
night from North Second Street. Company  
No. 9 responding, found no sign of fire.  
The house reported on at 74 North Sec-  
ond Street, and it was said that the roof  
was afire.

### Verdict for Plaintiff.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday  
the jury rendered a verdict for \$12,247 in  
the suit of Valley against E. Levin.

## "Berry's for Clothes."



No matter where you live  
within the circulation of this  
newspaper we can supply you  
with everything for Men and  
Boys wear at a price that will  
satisfy you.

If you cannot call we can  
serve you by mail or express.  
Let us know your wants and  
we'll give you the right styles—  
will exert ourselves to please  
you.

**C. H. Berry & Co.**  
MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING

## VISCOUNT AOKI IS HOMEWARD BOUND

Distinguished Gathering Bid the  
Oriental Diplomatist  
Farewell.

### MINISTER TALKS OF CRISIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30.—

"We shall take back home with us to  
Japan only the kindest feeling for  
America and for her people, and the  
highest regard for her institutions,"  
said Viscount Aoki, the Japanese am-  
bassador, to-day at an Associated Press  
representative, just prior to his departure  
for San Francisco with Viscountess  
Aoki, from which place they will sail  
on January 7th for home. The am-  
bassador returns to Japan at the instance  
of his government, which desires to  
consult with him freely regarding con-  
ditions affecting Japanese interests in  
the United States.

Viscount Aoki has represented Japan  
as ambassador to the United States for  
about a year and a half, and during  
that time has manifested the utmost  
activity and interest in all matters  
affecting his countrymen.

### Ambassador Is Optimistic.

"I am confident that an amiable un-  
derstanding will be reached on this  
immigration question—the only one of  
any consequence that is now agitat-  
ing the people of the two countries,"  
said Ambassador Aoki. "I am certain  
that Japan will make every hon-  
orable concession within bounds, and  
I feel equally confident that the Amer-  
ican government will not insist upon  
anything unreasonable or that in any  
way compromise the dignity or the  
honor of the Japanese government. Both  
governments are striving to  
reach an honorable solution of the  
immigration question, and the latest  
offerings that we have received from  
our government indicate that they are  
gradually being paved with that  
end in view. As I have said again and  
again, there is every reason to believe  
that the two countries should have  
the most complete understanding and  
harmony in most amicable relations.  
Japan is anxious to be at peace with  
the world, and to no country does this  
apply with greater force than to the  
United States, to whom, in a large  
measure, Japan owes her rise and  
progress among the nations of the  
world. It will be my earnest effort  
to advance and strengthen the exist-  
ing friendly relations in every way  
that lies in my power."

### From Commercial Standpoint.

Ambassador Aoki impressed upon his  
interviewers the utmost importance of  
the United States and Japan keeping  
on the most friendly terms, and that  
their relations should insure confidence  
with each other. In no sense, he said,  
was this an important matter than  
the commercial standpoint. Japan  
needed American capital in the develop-  
ment of the numerous enterprises  
which have come to the front since  
the close of the last century, and more  
particularly because of the develop-  
ments since the war with Russia.

American capital could find splendid  
opportunities in Japan, and the efforts  
of all persons of both countries, the  
ambassador declared, should be con-  
centrated towards the cementing of  
the greatest friendship, without which  
much that could otherwise be accom-  
plished would be lost.

The ambassador and his wife left  
Washington over the Pennsylvania  
Railroad at 5:45 P. M. They were ac-  
companied by Mr. Iwakoshi, the chan-  
cellor of the embassy, who will go to  
Japan with them, and by a secretary,  
Speck Von Sternburg, the German am-  
bassador, and Baroness Speck Von  
Sternburg; Senator Cortes, the minister  
from Columbia; Dr. Vogel, the Swiss  
minister; Baron Ambrose, of the Aus-  
trian embassy; and Mr. Brice, the wife  
of the ambassador from Great Britain,  
who was out of the city. Viscount  
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### Great Gathering at Depot.

Official and diplomatic Washington  
was well represented at the station to  
bid Viscount Aoki and his wife good-  
bye. Every member of the Cabinet in  
Washington able to be there was pres-  
ent, including Secretary and Mrs. Root,  
Secretaries Strauss, Wilson and McCall,  
and Postmaster-General Meyer.

Among the members of the diplo-  
matic corps at the station were Baron  
Rosen, the Russian ambassador; Mr.  
Jussani, the French ambassador; Speck  
Von Sternburg, the German am-  
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### Nailed His Finger.

L. M. Chennett, an employee of the Co-  
lumbia Gas Company, slipped his hand in  
the wrong place yesterday evening, and  
the needle used to sew on a sleeve went  
through his index finger. Dr. Hinchman, of the am-  
bulance corps, cut the nail out and the man  
went to his home, at Fourth and Cary  
Streets.

### Fell Under Wagon.

Spencer Briggs, colored, fell on his wagon  
last night at Seventh and Clay Streets and  
was killed. He was 74 years of age and  
had been a member of the 888th Central Postal  
Directory, U. S. Army, and was a native of  
Georgia.

### Dr. Hinchman, of the ambulance corps,

saw the man's wound, and then took him  
home, 22 Brown Street.

## FLORIDA'S NEW SENATOR



HON. WILLIAM JAMES BRYAN.

## Heard and Seen in Public Places

FORMER State Senator William  
P. Barksdale was at the Capitol  
yesterday, and his health being  
improved, he was in a  
very cheerful mood. Meeting  
Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Elyson  
in Colonel Putnam's office, the two  
grew very friendly, and the latter  
reminded him of his departure  
for San Francisco with Viscountess  
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on January 7th for home. The am-  
bassador returns to Japan at the instance  
of his government, which desires to  
consult with him freely regarding con-  
ditions affecting Japanese interests in  
the United States.

Mr. Barksdale related a most in-  
teresting and thrilling experience he  
had in Scott county in 1901, when Hon.  
Joseph C. Wyser, of Pulaski, was lead-  
ing a forlorn hope on the Democratic  
ticket for Congress. It was a short  
time after some Democratic election  
officers had been shot to death at a  
mountain precinct in Scott. Mr. Bar-  
ksdale had been with the party, and  
he had started for home, and he had  
a night rally near the point where the  
killing had taken place. He and At-  
torney-General Anderson had address-  
ed a rousing meeting at Gate City, and  
the latter was to go on to Wise Court-  
house by rail, and the county chairman  
was to drive the former across the  
country to his appointment. The  
chairman told the gruesome story of  
the killing a year before, of wiping  
blood from the ballots and of voting  
over the bodies of dead men, and  
Barksdale grew nervous and was about  
to back down. He says that Major  
Anderson earnestly protested against  
breaking the engagement, and de-  
clared with his usual vigor that there  
was no danger.

"Why, Barksdale," he exclaimed in  
a loud voice, "those Republicans won't  
dare to assassinate you, and if they  
do the credit of it will be to elect Wy-  
ser and redeem the district to the  
Democratic party."

When Major Anderson made that  
declaration," said the former Senator,  
"I felt chills creeping all over me, and  
I said: 'Great heavens, man, where do  
you come from? I am not so devoted to  
campaigning as to sacrifice my life for  
the redemption of a congressional dis-  
trict, and I shall take the next train  
for Houston. I went to the  
mountains, however, but I tell you I  
was glad when I got back to the rail-  
road and started for home," remarked  
Mr. Barksdale in conclusion.

Hon. R. J. Tuck, of Halifax; Cap-  
tain J. W. Williams, of Southampton;  
Treasurer George B. Russell, of Char-  
lotte; and Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, of  
Hampton, were among the prominent  
visitors in the city yesterday.

It is an open secret that the many  
friends of Judge Frederick Wilmer  
Sims, of Louisa, would like to see the  
senatorial candidate, and they have  
been endeavoring to get him to visit  
the city. Judge Sims has been in the  
city for a number of days, and he has  
been very friendly to the friends of  
the Democratic party. He has been  
very active in the campaign, and he  
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Mr. I. E. Spatig, supervisor of the  
Court House District of Brunswick, and  
one of the commissioners to the James-  
town Exposition on the part of that  
county, was a caller on Governor  
Swanson yesterday.

Mr. Spatig was much pleased over  
the fact that his county received the  
first prize for its exhibit at the ex-  
position, and he declared that it was  
a triumph for the enterprise and  
industry of his people.

Asked about the congressional situa-  
tion in his district, Mr. Spatig said  
that, so far as he knew, Major Lassi-  
ter would have no opposition for an-  
other term. The Petersburg man, he  
declared, is popular in his section, and  
Brunswick Democrats will again give  
him their support with much pleasure.

Sir John Rodgers, of England, is in  
the city, and is stopping at the Jef-  
ferson.

Congressman Francis Rives Lassiter,  
of Petersburg, was in the city  
yesterday.

### Indications are that Murphy's Hotel

again will be the Mecca of the law-  
makers and public men during the  
coming session of the Legislature, and  
the lobby, beginning about the end  
of the present week. Nearly all the  
candidates for honors at the hands of  
the Legislature will be there. There  
will be Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd,  
who is acknowledged on all sides as  
the leading aspirant for Speaker of the  
House, Hon. John B. New and child, of Ac-  
comack, who will arrive here Thursday or Fri-  
day, Mr. Thomas A. Lynch, of Tazewell,  
one of the candidates for the Senate  
clerkship, is now at Murphy's, and  
Hon. Marshall B. Booker, of Hall-  
fax, his competitor, will arrive Thurs-  
day. The Legislature will assemble on  
Wednesday. It is therefore likely that  
the city will be crowded with lawyers  
and public men during all of next  
week.

### Fire Reports.

Reports received at the Department  
of Insurance are to the effect that so  
far as has been reported, no fire has  
occurred during December. These show  
a property loss of \$191,141.53, upon  
\$500,000. The largest fire reported  
was J. W. Taylor and others, Accom-  
mack, \$45,000; Miss M. Taylor and  
others, Petersburg, \$31,740; Pine Beach  
Hotel, \$24,000; R. B. Watkins and  
others, Buchanan, \$22,000.

### Mr. R. Mitchell Brown, who for the

past year has been connected with  
the office of the Secretary of the  
Commonwealth in the capacity of a  
clerk, has entered the employ of a  
typewriter company, and will begin  
traveling for the latter at once.

### Secretary E. B. Chesterman, of the

State Board of Agriculture, has re-  
turned from a tour of inspection of  
the Commonwealth, and is now re-  
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case of the Newport News and Old  
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Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county.  
The plaintiff in the original action  
sought a verdict of \$500 against the  
company for damage alleged to have  
been sustained by him in the injury  
of a horse and team struck by one of  
the company's cars.

## INDIANS BRING DEER TO GOVERNOR

Pamunkey Chief and Councilmen  
Make Annual Offering to Great  
White Father.

### UNVEILING IS POSTPONED

Governor Not to Go to Loudoun  
on Lee's Birthday—Capitol  
Notes.

Governor Swanson spent yesterday  
at his office receiving callers and  
transacting routine business.  
Chief G. M. Cooke and Councilmen  
R. Bradley, A. A. Miller and J. T.  
Dennis, of the Pamunkey Tribe of In-  
dians, paid their annual visit to the  
Governor. The Governor, who re-  
plied in a most cordial manner. After  
receiving the Indians, the Governor  
remained at the Capitol for a few mo-  
ments, the red men went into the  
shopping section and made their pur-  
chases, leaving at 4 o'clock in the  
afternoon for their home in King Wil-  
liam county.

### The Governor appreciates the gift

very highly. He sent the deer at once  
to the mansion to be dressed.

### Unveiling Postponed.

As January 1st falls on Sunday and  
the Loudoun Confederate monument  
has not yet been completed, the date  
of the unveiling has been postponed.  
Governor Swanson, who therefore  
not go to Leesburg on the anniversary  
of General Lee's birthday. The post-  
ponement suits the Governor very  
well, as he will be with his room-  
mates in connection with the Legisla-  
ture until the session is over.

The State Corporation Commission  
will begin the taking of testimony  
with reference to proposed changes in  
the present demurrage rules on Jan-  
uary 1st, and the hearing will prob-  
ably last for several days.

It is proposed to make additional  
provision for twisting cars and to  
amend the rules with reference to  
penalties for failure to observe orders  
of the commission.

On January 1st the commission  
will take up another case against the  
Atlantic Coast Line for alleged viola-  
tion of the present rules. This com-  
pany has recently been fined \$100  
for declining to observe the rules, and  
has given notice that it will appeal  
the case to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court will reconvene  
here next Tuesday; the State Board of  
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### Handsome High School

South Boston's New Building To Be  
Ready for Occupancy in the Spring.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 30.—  
The handsome high school building  
which is being erected at a cost of  
\$26,000 is rapidly nearing completion,  
and will be ready for occupancy in the  
early spring.

When completed this will be one of  
the most thorough, up-to-date pub-  
lic buildings in the South. The build-  
ing is situated on upper Main Street, and is conveniently  
located.

### SKIPPER HOWELL DROWNED

Knocked Overboard from His Vessel  
While in James River.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December  
30.—J. Howell, skipper of the oyster  
sloop Lula Hampton, was knocked  
overboard from his vessel and drowned  
near Hog Island, about twenty miles  
above this city, on James River, at 2  
o'clock this afternoon. A strong gale  
was blowing at the time. Howell was  
the only man on the sloop, and he was  
knocked into the river, and the efforts  
of his crew to save him were vain.  
Howell was survived by a widow and  
eight children.

### Married on Sunday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 30.—A  
private marriage took place Sunday  
morning in the parsonage of Centenary  
Methodist Church, the contracting  
parties being Miss Florence Ethel  
Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Father Wright, of this city, and Mr.  
John William Dutton, an employe of  
the George D. Witt Shoe Company.

Mr. H. S. Roke was the best man and  
Miss Maude Wright, a sister of the  
bride, was the maid of honor. The  
ceremony was performed by Dr. J. A.  
Thomas, pastor of Centenary Church.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dutton will make their  
home at No. 215 Federal Street.

### Dab's Body at His Door.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 30.—

The body of a white infant was found  
yesterday morning about 8 o'clock in  
the front yard of Mr. M. B. Rogers,  
No. 615 Franklin Street. The child  
was placed in a basket and some one  
must have deposited it there during  
Saturday night.

The police have been unable to learn  
anything as to who the mother of the  
child is or who placed it where it was  
found.

### MRS. WINSLOW'S

SOOTHING SYRUP

has been used by millions of mothers for their  
children while teething for over a century. It  
is the best remedy for all the ailments of  
infancy, and it is the only remedy for  
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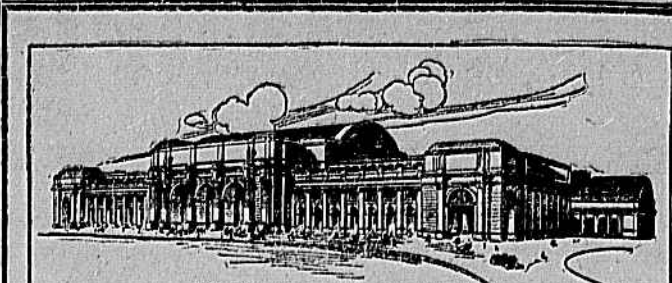
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